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ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE.

Mrs. Catherine Kramer, Who Has Lived in Decatur Over Thirty Years, Passed Away This Morning at the Home of Her Son, A. Kramer.

Miss L. Carrie Close died this morning at 3:35 o'clock at the Griswold residence on West Main street, aged 73 years. She has been an invalid for twenty years and had been confined to her bed for the past six weeks.

Miss Close came from Albion, N. Y., to this city in 1853 and made her home with her sister, the late Mrs. C. L. Griswold. Owing to her poor health she lived a retired life but was well known by many persons in the city and was highly esteemed. Since the death of Mrs. Griswold she has made her home with her brother, J. A. Close of San Jose, Cal., and two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Hitchcock of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Mrs. J. H. Parker of Davenport, Iowa. She was a sister of the late Mrs. C. E. Roberts and Mrs. C. L. Griswold.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, will conduct the services and the remains will be taken to the old home of the deceased at Albion, N. Y. They will be accompanied by C. L. Griswold and Miss Carrie Griswold.

Death of Mrs. Kramer. Mrs. Catherine Kramer died of the grip at 6:30 a. m. today at her home at the corner of North Main and Cerro Gordo streets, aged 58 years. The deceased was one of the old settlers of the city having lived here for the past thirty-three years. She had been in fairly good health but about a week ago she was seized with an attack of the grip and never recovered.

The maiden name of the deceased was Katherine Harmon. She was born in April, 1854, at Lancaster, Ohio, and was later married to George Kramer. She came to this city in 1864 with her husband who died about two years later. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive her. They are A. Kramer and Isaac Kramer of this city, and George Kramer of Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. Kramer has been a member of the United Brethren church for the past twenty years and has been connected with the local church of that denomination ever since she has lived in this city. She was one of the most prominent members and most faithful workers in the church. The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the U. B. church. Rev. L. Fields and Rev. Spayd will conduct the services and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12 1/2c; Eggs, weak, 13 1/2c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Wheat, May, 62 1/2c; Corn, May, 24 1/2c; Oats, May, 21 1/2c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

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Free Mills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by West Druggist.

Three trains of ice go daily from Havana to St. Louis.

The minstrel show at Champaign for the poor netted \$101.

Fred Hess of Urbana, is to be deputy for county clerk Burt.

Another effort is to be made to found a G. A. R. memorial hall at Decatur.

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TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Board a Santa Fe Train in Arizona and Meet Resistance.

ONE OF THE ROBBERS KILLED.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End—Greek Warships Active—Lively Times Expected in Crete—Merchant Tailors Meet.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 9.—The week bound Santa Fe train was held up by robbers last night near Peach Springs, Ariz. After taking a registered package from the mail car, the robbers turned their attention to the express car. Messenger Summers opened fire on them, shooting one robber dead. The other escaped with some registered packages.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End. Stamford, Conn., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is worse. She is still conscious but it is not believed she will live much longer.

Greek Warships Active.

Athens, Feb. 9.—A Greek cruiser has started for Rottino where the Musselmans occupy the Christian quarters and are pillaging stores and houses. Three thousand Turkish troops have been concentrated at Salamis in readiness to embark for Crete. But the steam navigation company refuses to transport them until their passage is paid. It is announced that the entire Greek fleet will be made ready for war.

Caused by Greek Agitators.

London, Feb. 9.—Private and official advisers show the troubles in Crete are caused by the Greek agitators; that Christians were the aggressors. The Greek government believing the end of the Ottoman empire near thinks the time opportune to carry out the long cherished desire to annex Crete. Public officials here and on the continent regard the situation as threatening the peace of whole Europe.

In the event of a collision between Turkey and Greece it is doubtful whether the agreement between the powers could be maintained. Papers are everywhere urging that pressure be put on Greece to prevent further aggravation of Turkey. It is announced that Turkish warships left Constantinople for Crete and in spite of the advice of his ministers an ambassador the sultan favors the despatch of troops and repressing the trouble by force.

WHAT MAJ. WARNER WILL GET

Missouri Understands He Will be Made First Assistant Secretary of Interior. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9.—"President-elect McKinley did not say to us," said Gardiner Lathrop yesterday, "but we understood that if Judge McKenna of California accepts the secretaryship of the interior Major William Warner may be appointed first assistant secretary, with an understanding that when Judge McKenna takes Justice Field's place on the supreme bench he shall succeed to the portfolio.

Mr. Lathrop has just returned from Canton with the Missourians, who went there in Major Warner's behalf.

Mysterious Poisoning of a Girl.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 9.—While Undertaker Fox was preparing the body of a girl for burial at the resort of Ida May Simpson, in this city last night, the girl's eyes opened and she proved to be alive. A physician was called in and he decided the patient was suffering from poison. After working with her for two hours she revived sufficiently to talk, and gave her name as Alice Page of Jewett, Cumberland county, Ill., and said she had been brought to Champaign and taken to the Simpson house by a man from Greenup, Ill., whose name she gave. The undertaker and physician believe poison was administered to her, not taken by her with suicidal intent. Friends at Jewett have been notified and an investigation is under way. The girl, who is apparently not over 18 years of age, may yet die.

SAYS HIS WIFE IS UNBALANCED.

Pater Bolton, interviewed in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—The Rev. Dr. Horace W. Bolton of Chicago, pastor of the South Park Avenue Methodist church, has been here for a week. Concerning the newspaper accounts of his departure from Chicago and of his wife's departure to South Bend, Ind., Dr. Bolton said yesterday:

"The matter is a delicate one for me to speak of, but, as these articles have been published, I am compelled to tell the truth. My wife has been mentally unbalanced since the death of our son and has labored under an hallucination that I was too attentive to other women. It was herself who started this talk. Of course she is not responsible for it, and she knows me and has all the confidence in me when she is not depressed by this awful hallucination. She went to South Bend to undergo treatment in a hospital. I came south for my health. My wife, in those spells which she had, was jealous of me, that was all.

"While it is true that I have not resigned my charge in Chicago, I am contemplating doing so."

Dr. Bolton has been in correspondence with Bishop Merrill since going to Nashville and has a letter from him in which the bishop says the board of stewards would not requesting him to do so, thinks it would be best, owing to the talk, if he would resign the Chicago pastorate.

Gen. Shelby Sinking.

Adrian, Mich., Feb. 9.—General Joseph O. Shelby is sinking.

BANKER MAY DEAD.

His Death Recalls the Story of Losses by the Bank of London on His Account.

WAS THOUGHT A SCAPE GOAT.

George Davies Slain by His Wife—The Report that Ex-Gov. Long Has Accepted Navy Portfolio Denied.

London, Feb. 9.—Frank May, formerly chief cashier and practical manager of the Bank of England until he resigned in 1893, died today. His resignation created a stir in financial circles at the time as it appeared the bank lost considerable sums through transactions recommended by him. The amount stated in behalf of the bank was \$136,000, but some reports put it as high as a million and a half and the report was circulated that May was made a scapegoat for certain directors.

Shot by His Wife.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—George Davies, for many years a prominent commission merchant, was shot dead by his wife at their home this morning. The tragedy was the result of a long series of quarrels. Mrs. Davies was arrested.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

Representative Hill's Plain Words as to an International Monetary Conference—A Move to Put the Government in Armer Plate Business.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house committee on coinage today discussed the resolutions before introduced touching the international monetary conference.

Hill (Rep.) denounced the senate for attempting to lay a trap to ensnare the Republican party. It was attempted he said to bring about the things which the Republicans party voted down at the last election the free coinage of silver and the double standard of value. Referring to Senator Chandler he said the proposition was an effort to thrust on the incoming president, by a Republican senator who bitterly opposed his nomination, seconded by the chairman of the national Democratic committee. More than half of its opponents in the senate are Republicans while the free silver men who had worked to bring it to naught voted for it. He continued: "The stilted phrases of the platform dictated by half mature thought in June should be read in the blazing light of the November victory."

Hill continuing said the wishes of the gold Democrats should be consulted. The planks of the St. Louis platform relating to Cuba and immigration are disregarded. Why should congress rush to fulfill this plank. This is not the time, these are not the men, these are not the propositions the St. Louis platform contemplated. The utterance on the money question had been modified by the subsequent Chicago platform and the alliance of Republicans and gold Democrats. This government should not subject itself again to chagrin by calling another conference which foreign delegates would attend merely as a matter of courtesy. Any accomplishment must be by diplomatic negotiations with Great Britain.

No responsibility rested on this congress in the matter nor should a Democratic president be called on to sign such a resolution. The senate committee on naval affairs, decide to recommend that the secretary of the navy be authorized not to pay more than \$400 a ton for armor plate and that the appropriation of a million and a half be made to be used in the establishment of a plant in case the manufacturers refuse to accept this price.

Gov. Long Will be Secy of the Navy.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 9.—Ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts, has just been formally tendered and has accepted the navy portfolio. The news comes direct from the president-elect himself and it will be a surprise to a number of eastern men, who had begun to figure on the place through a belief it was still being held open. The acceptance came a few hours after the tender and the tender was made. It is said, within the last twenty-four hours. This leaves but two more cabinet places to fill. A few weeks ago ex-Governor Long's prospects of getting the cabinet appointment were a great deal brighter, according to belief here, than they were within the last few days. The truth was the ex-governor had received a hint that he was likely to get the appointment, and he was too discreet to make an announcement until he was certain of the place.

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New Hints for New Clothes—Evening Dress, Street Dress, House Dress, After the Latest Modes—A Wrinkle in Sleeves.

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Paris—After a few days in Paris I begin to get used to the imperative. Elsewhere it is, "would you not like?" Here it is, "You must have." The superiority of French taste has been conceded so long that Parisian dressmakers have become autocratic, and if one of their decrees does not begin "it is necessary," the only variation to be expected is a polite circumlocution for "you ought" or "you should." I am having "vous avez besoin d'avoir"—translated off at me so often and so glibly that I feel the need of passing it along, therefore you have need of a velvet dress for a beginning.

"Insist," borrowing my phraseology from the sources above mentioned, upon velvet. Black is good, dark blue is good, brown is better, dark green is best of all. "You should" line such a dress with white silk or pale blue, yellow or water green. You should show the lining as you lift it, and that it may please upon exhibition, you must have unlimited frills inside the hem. With a skirt of this order "it is necessary" that you wear a silk blouse matching

according to rule at the moment to have lapels, epaulets, collars and cuffs of a light shade contrasting with the dress and on these to display black braiding in vermilion or much involved arabesque patterns. Neither can you err, if you desire a cloak of ground length, in getting one of redingote style. This shows that you fully appreciate the sublimity of skirt and sleeve. There are not many new materials, but a new idea in materials is exemplified in a very pretty evening dress just finished to figure at the court of Spain.

A robe of black net glistening with gold and jewels is lined with pink chiffon, and this again is cleverly draped in the loose empire style over a princess gown of black satin. A very short black satin bolero is lined with pink and edged with sequin lace; it is so cut as to meet on either side the opposite points of the fan-shaped epaulets in fluted and wired net that spring from the shoulders. Garlands of pink leafless roses cover the short sleeves and outline the square opening of the bodice. A few blossoms are strewn on the skirt draperies. There is a berth of finely-plaited net sprinkled with rose petals and pearls.

Another evening dress that seems to me among the best now on exhibition is one of a very delicate old rose brocade, one of the smartest colors of the season. At one side of the skirt is a panel edged with gold and jeweled passementerie and tied across with straps and bows of old rose ribbon. The same pas-



A GROUP OF MIDWINTER MODELS.

It is color. Over the blouse there must come a bolero of some delicate, light-colored velvet, preferably of the same tint as the skirt lining. This bolero requires embroidery in gold and jewels. You need a black satin corselet and some dainty finish of white or cream-colored lace at the throat, and then your visiting or reception costume is "comme il faut," as it is necessary.

I cannot talk back to millinery greatness but I can ape the manners of my betters and play the despot in my turn. You are required, if you care to show yourself well abreast of the fashions, to wear your bodice trimmings high up on the shoulders. Puffs of ribbon or velvet and large ribbon bows stand erect. They are wired if they refuse to do so, for they must not flare at the sides. You will show your understanding of the situation if you have an evening bodice with a high wired collar from the shoulders, but this is not obligatory.

You must be quick to catch the new lines of the sleeve. To gather it in at the shoulder without any rise to it, let it hang almost in a bag to the elbow, then tighten it gradually and not with any pinching exactness to the wrist and let it flare broadly over the hand, is the mode for next spring. Look at pictures of 1810, of the decade that Coen Doyle writes of in his newest book, if you need a more detailed description. There is less fullness and more droop at the shoulders, a looser cut and with more curve and flexibility from elbow to wrist and a more daring outburst at the wrist than you get in the experimental, transitional sleeve of to-day.

Every bodice, jacket and cloak has a most enormous high collar of lace or chiffon; or if the collar is of silk or velvet, it is cloven, so that lace or chiffon can be introduced between.

The saque-back coat continues the favorite model in cloth or fur. It is better called a whole-back coat, for this better expresses what is really meant, that it has no seam in the back at all. Sometimes the front hangs straight also, but for this there is only silent permission, not approval. One box plait on either side of the front is according to the letter of the law and gives a much better figure. Great numbers of bodices have these box plaits in front, coming below the waist, and they are becoming more and more the smiled upon design.

For every evening bodice you must be prepared to squander material enough for two, the draperies are becoming so intricate. It is now quite according to rule to combine, sometimes one might better say piece together, four designs, having the two fronts different each from each and from the two backs, which claim the same privilege. It is not easy to do this and achieve harmony, and perhaps that is why she who must be obeyed thinks it worth trying.

Madame Paris, otherwise "she," sticks to broad corselets back and front, but has at the same time a weakness for extremely narrow metal belts studded with jewels.

There are no changes in skirts that are at all startling. The safest model at present is gathered on a thick cord about the hips, so as to throw the fullness behind. It is moderately full at the foot and is far more becoming than those of yesterday which stood out so alarmingly at the sides.

You can make no mistake in using a black braiding as possible. It is

sementerie edges the fan-shaped bodice front, which opens on the left side. A puffed berthia of old rose mousseline de soie is drawn about the shoulders and peeps out from under the bodice fan and all the way to the ground from beneath the skirt panel. The short sleeves are of mousseline de soie with garniture of roses.

A handsome visiting dress of silver gray corded silk is just ready for shipment to America. The bodice has a zouave of silver and jet passementerie lined with silk of a tawny mandarin yellow and having long, long-pointed hanging fronts, coming well down upon the skirt draperies. Two vandykes of the same passementerie ornament the front of the skirt, which is otherwise richly plain. Epaulets in the form of small double capes, black satin bows to hold the zouave in position in front, and a broad folded belt of black satin are the only accessories.

Altogether different in style is a promenade dress for the Riviera, that favored land of sunshine from which I hope to be waiting again very soon. It is warm enough at San Remo or Mentone to dispense with wraps very frequently in the early afternoon, and so a winter dress for that climate is not unlike what New York will see about Easter. The gown of which I am thinking has a skirt of olive green velvet. This is almost entirely covered by an overskirt of dark violet cloth which comes to the ground but is caught up a bit on the right side. Arabesque embroidery in olive green cord borders it and covers the narrow belt of the skirt material. The bodice is a velvet cross-over blouse, if such a term can be allowed. It opens a bit in front to show a violet cloth vest and above it is a very short violet silk bolero with olive green embroidery. Plated silk epaulets cover the tops of the velvet sleeves. The large hat of olive green straw is trimmed with violet ribbon and with foliage. A big bow of white tulle at the throat adds the finishing touch to this study in blue and green.

This a jump back again to midwinter to pass on to a skating dress beaded in fur, and quite Russian in appearance. Warm and cozy it looks with its rilling-gote cut of poppy red cloth edged with a deep border of mink fur. A mink cape with a high collar lies over the shoulder, its long pointed ends passing under the metal belt at the waist and hanging almost to the ground.

Among the newest models is a very attractive dress for house wear. A robe of fawn-colored cloth with a narrow edging of gold cord embroidery opens upon a princess gown of rose-tinted moire. A broad sash of rose-colored silk confines the waist, and at the throat is a flat, pointed collar of cream-colored lace with standing collar of rose ribbons above.

A graceful dinner dress for a young girl just admitted to the pleasures of society is a princess gown of turquoise blue silk with bretelles of white silk set into the armholes in front, clasped by gold buckles on either side of the waist, outside of the white silk corselet, and hanging like long sash ends to the ground. From the high collar escapes a flaring ruche of white lace.

The young queen of Holland has ordered a girlish evening dress of pale yellow chine, the bodice draped with yellow chiffon and powdered with silver sequins. Garlands of rosebuds are the decorations. Dress at the theaters is rather good, but here is more than enough for now.

ELLEN OSBORN.

POETICAL GEMS.

The Kettle.

Oh, I am a kettle! a kettle am I!
I never shall strive to deny it.
There's nothing about me that's sneaking
or shy.
Deception, I never shall try it.
Bubble, I say! and bubble, I say!
Some folks may not like it, but that is my way.
I mind my own business, and give no trouble;
Bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bubble!

They say I am black; I admit it is true:
A respectable tint, and I love it.
I never, no, never set out to be blue:
As for yellow or red, I'm above it.
Bubble, I say! and bubble, I say!
I'm ready to talk any time of the day.
Heap on the coals, and my song I will double:
Bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bubble, hub-bubble!

Life's Mirror.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gifts will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet.
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet!

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn;
You will gather in flowers again.
The scattered seeds from your thought
Outgrow.

Though the sowing seemed but vain,
For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are, and do,
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

Along with Her.

Why, yes, it's odd and childish that I wish
You'd send me back when I at last am dead;
But seems I'd rest much better 'neath the swish
Of some plain rosebush planted at my head.

I'd be remembered by my friends awhile,
Who'd come there from the distant village stir;
And then she'd smile to know—'t'was spirits smile—
I'm resting there along with her.

For nearly fifty years through the long days
We went together, hand in hand, you know,
Saw the sun rise in its triumphant blaze,
Saw the sun set in its resplendent glow,
So let me rest, when this spent form is dead,
Where birds fly by with pathetic whirr,
Sleeping with some old rosebush at my head—
Waking at last along with her.

Common Joys.

Our common joys, O what are they?
The brightest and the best?
They glad us in our busy walks,
Are with us when we rest.
An angel hand, the lover's round,
In waking and in dream,
And o'er our hearts in saddest hours
They shed a golden beam.

Our common joys, O what are they?
But pleasures tell within,
For smallest deeds of goodness done
Amid a world of sin?
The mute we give the child of want,
The slightest word of cheer,
That live a heart with sorrow bowed,
Or drive a falling tear.

Our common joys, O what are they?
The precious pearls and gold
Which memory clings upon the heart
When life is growing old.
The thought that we have treasured up—
Where naught can steal it away—
The consciousness of doing good
With every passing day.

A Love Spell.

A young lady who sings in our choir
Whose hair is the color of phlox,
But her charm is unique,
She has such a fair cheque
It is really a joy to be near her.
Whenever she looks down the aisle
She gives me a beautiful smile,
And of all of her beaux,
I am certain she chooses
She likes me the best of all the while.

Last Sunday she wore a new saque,
Laid out at the front and the back,
And a lovely bouquet,
Worn in such a cute waie
As only few girls have the knack.

Some day, ere she grows too antique,
In marriage her hand I shall seize,
If she's not a coquette,
Which I'd greatly regret,
She shall share my six dollars a week.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Easy All.

"Easy all!" rings out the order,
And the muscles cease to strain,
And the swing of care in rhytms
Stems its rhythmical refrain,
And the sinking heart beats freely,
And the spent breath comes again.

"Easy all!" Oh, joyous mandate
To the strugglers on Life's flood,
Be it but a passing respite
For the brain, and strength, and blood,
Though far distant be the gulf:
Fame, or wealth, or trellisood!

When the summer sunshine brightens
Grassy street and sunnier wall,
From the strips of azure heaven
Seems to come the kindly call:
"Rest awhile, ye weary toilers,
Drop your cares and easy all!"

The Vale Illusive.

There lies so near us, close at hand,
A vale illusive, spirit land;
'Tis bridged by silence, 'cross which roll
The noiseless chariots of the soul.

We touch its bounds with ruffled tread,
And lay within its bowrie our dead,
And wait with fated breath to hear
Some echo faint from out its sphere.

But silence seems to mock our sighs,
Since speechless courtiers of the skies,
Invisible, receive our blest
And bear their spirits into rest.

While sense and reason wait in gloom,
Faith carries at Emmanuel's tomb,
And sees its hopes triumphant rise
From out death's silence toward the skies

A Rare Bird.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush,
Though gorgeous their plumage and regal;
But, instead of an oriole, robin or thrush,
Let that bird be a bright, golden eagle.

If He Should Get His Wish.

The poet sings in measures sweet,
With touch of memory's woe,
How much he longs once more to greet
The girl of long ago.

But, ten to one, if fate should bring
Them face to face again,
He'd shine up to her daughter, for
That is the way with men.

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The influence of women upon the civilization of the world, could never be measured.

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At Eason the grain men found themselves Wednesday with all their cribs full, and were obliged to stop buying with 37 loads of corn standing unloaded over night in the street.

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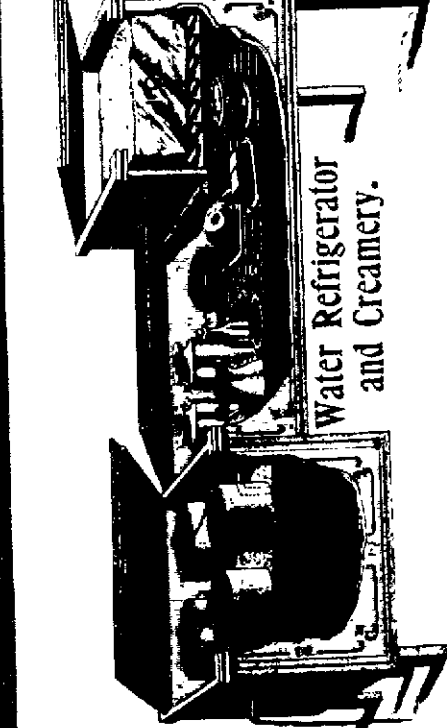
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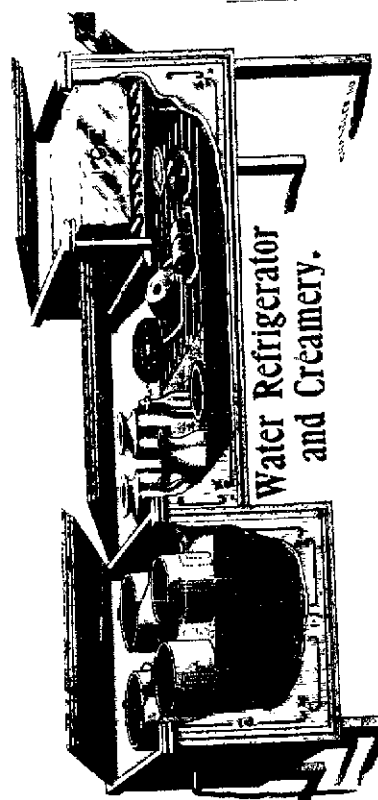
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LOCAL NEWS.

N. W. Woodford has been assisting in
the special meetings at Blue Mound.Charles Winkler, found yesterday by
Deputy Sheriff Holmes, was returned to-
day to the insane hospital at Kankakee.The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
mch 25-dtfTender roast beef with brown gravy
served at noon daily at Singleton's restau-
rant.—Oct31dtLadies' felt slippers, 50c at Polath &
Hardy's.—26-d&wtfAs usual one of the boxes at the Grand
last night was occupied by a solitary gen-
tleman.Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria,
two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at
11:42 a. m.An innovation at the Grand is the sale of
candies and chewing gum between acts,
a polite young gent being ready to serve
all who care to buy.Little Diana cigar, "business men's"
ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.
L. Chodas's News House.—14-dtfOnly Two Hours and Fifty Minutes
to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line.
Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.Judge Hammer had Charles Schilling,
a tramp, before him for carrying a con-
cealed weapon. He plead guilty and was
fined \$25 and costs.The Fullenwider truss cures rupture
For sale by the Cerrodan Co., 21 Syn-
dicate block. Jan 16-41mSecretary Thrift was quite busy at the
court house this forenoon taking entries
for the institute exhibit. Corn came in
rapidly in bushel lots.L. C. Hayes is at Champaign making
preparations to start a carpet cleaning es-
tablishment. He will be ready for busi-
ness there by March 1The members of the board of directors
of the Woman's exchange will hold a
meeting tomorrow morning at the home
of Mrs. A. T. Hill on West Prairie ave-
nue.Buy your garden, flower and field seeds
of Leon Culp, the old reliable seedsmen
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed
in bulk. No. 223 North Main street.
Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtfThe members of the Uniform Rank,
Knights of Pythias, will meet tonight at
A. T. Grist's barber shop to elect officers
for the ensuing year. Mr. Grist has been
captain for two years.Charles B. Grist, who has a barber shop
on North Water street, has vacated his
home on South Broadway and rented a
dwelling for his family near his place of
business.Edward Elmer plays "Don Jose" to
Rosabel Morrison's "Carmen." He is
one of the few young men looking
actors now before the public who has not
been taken with the "starring fever."
As the manly "Jose" he gives Miss Mor-
rison's "Carmen" excellent support.Rev. Henry Luna, who assisted Pastor
Howe in the revival services at the First
Methodist church, which closed Sunday
night, was remembered in a most sub-
stantial way by the young people of the
organization. They presented him with
a purse of \$25 in gold Sunday.The Ladies' Aid society of the Y. M. C.
A. will give a reception to the members
of the young people's societies of the
churches in the city Tuesday night, Feb.
23. The reception will be given at the
Y. M. C. A. rooms. There will be a mu-
sical program and light refreshments will
be served.No better soft coal in this market than
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-
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phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtfDYEING AND FINE DRY CLEANING
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cleaning at reduced prices for the
next thirty days. Now is the time to
have your suits of clothes or over-
coats dyed, cleaned and pressed by
first-class, practical dyers and dry
cleaners. You get the best work done
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man for it, or call up 550 and we will see that
you get a sack of the best quick.

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PHONE NOS. 550.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Another Reader Takes a Whack at the
Library Question.Eds. Republican: Our attention has
been called to articles in recent issues of
your paper signed "Taxpayer" and "In-
dignant Citizen." It is really amusing
to hear these "dogs bark at each other."
One would think from the tone of the
articles that "Taxpayer" was in business
on one of the corners of West Main and
Water, and that "I. C." had designs on
business rooms near North Main and
William. Their arguments are convinc-
ing. When we read one we are sure the
Powers room is the only place for the li-
brary, while a perusal of the other article
immediately impels us to pack the stuff
back to the Roberts & Greene abode.
What do these articles mean? Nothing—
simply nothing. These persons just want
to see their personal ideas in print.The library board is composed of our
purest and best citizens, put in that
board for the very identical thing they
have just completed—that if present
quarters can be bettered—move. They
have voted to move. They are citizens
whose objects, honesty of purpose, etc.,
cannot be questioned, and we would be
willing to back them against an army of
"Indignant Citizens." The board says
they consider the matter settled, so the
disgruntled and disappointed "I. C.'s"
should not occupy valuable newspaper
space in giving vent to their feelings to
the public. The present location was all
right, but now comes under the head of
"a lost cause," so be decent about it,
gentlemen; don't quarrel; take matters
easy. Don't boycott the Water street
merchants because Mr. Powers was for-
tunate enough to secure a first-class tenant
for his building. He deserves it. It's a
pretty building. We like to look at it.
In fact, we've often wished it was ours,
then we could have a deeper interest in
the library (after it moved in).Now, Mr. Editors, we won't occupy any
more of your valuable space, at present.
Let's all be satisfied with things as they
are, and thank our lucky stars that we
have such a magnificent library to move.
With one more appeal for peace and quiet,
we stop for the present.

E. Pluribus Unum.

A FALSE REPORT.

Story Connecting Agent Webb with the
Carter Affair a Romance.A Decatur paper Sunday morning had
a yarn about the probable indictment of
Wabash Station Agent Webb at Mement
for the murder of Charles Carter in Octo-
ber, 1894. It was a romance with no
foundation for the accusation. Mr. Webb
was not indicted. He has not been in-
dicted and is still on duty at Mement for
the Wabash. This will be gratifying
news to the business and other friends of
Mr. Webb in Decatur.It will be recalled that in October,
1894, Carter and his wife lived in Deca-
tur. Carter's wife was in Danville visit-
ing friends, and Carter started to Dan-
ville to meet and accompany her home.
It was supposed that he started to walk
to Danville and was murdered and robbed
by tramps. His wife came home a few
days later and read a description of an
unknown man found dead near Mement.
The description was that of her husband.
The body was disinterred and positively
identified. Since then there has been
some talk to the effect that Carter might
have been beating his way on the train
and that his death was caused by being
thrown off the train by tramps.

The Last Stevenson Romance.

Among the several works left by Robert
Louis Stevenson unpublished at his death,
undoubtedly the one of completest and
widest interest is a romance entitled "St.
Ives." Unlike "Wier of Hermitston," the
only other novel left by Stevenson unpub-
lished, "St. Ives" was left all but com-
plete; and it is, those say who have read
it, a straight-away, honest tale of ad-
venture, related in Stevenson's most
spirited and charming vein. It is a love
story, and records, in particular, the ex-
ploits of a very cool, audacious, attrac-
tive French soldier who becomes a prisoner
of war in Edinburgh Castle. The exclusive
rights of serial publication of "St. Ives"
for America, was purchased soon after
Stevenson's death by McClure's Magazine,
and the publication will begin in the
March number of that periodical.

Nelson Plead Guilty.

Nelson, the big Swede, blind in one eye,
and wearing a sailor's water proof sack
coat, charged with burglary and larceny,
stood up in court this morning to plead
to the indictment. Judge Vail told him
in pointed words what he would do if he
pleaded guilty. Whereupon Nelson said he
guessed he wouldn't plead guilty. He
had no counsel. The court appointed At-
torney Deck to consult with the prisoner.
The attorney had no defense for Nelson,
as he soon learned that he was caught in
a saloon by an officer where he had stolen
a bottle of liquor. The prisoner said he
knew right from wrong and the insanity
plea would not fit him. So Nelson came
back into court, pleaded guilty and was
given a penitentiary sentence and a fine
of \$25 and costs.

Y. M. C. A. News.

The members of the board of directors
of the Y. M. C. A. will hold a meeting
this evening. New members will be voted
on and other routine business transacted.
The members of the association are
making arrangements for a reception
which they will give to the members of
the Christian Endeavor societies of the
city on the evening of February 23 at the
rooms.The district convention of the Y. M. C.
A. will be held at Mattoon on Friday,
Saturday and Sunday. Those who will
attend from this city are Secretary N. W.
Woodford, C. C. Barnard, W. W. Dawson,
J. L. Deck, J. M. Fisher, W. R. Funk.

Social.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Mathews
entertained a number of friends last
night. The guest of honor was Miss
Della Wilbom of Zanesville, Ohio, who is
visiting them.Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. Leo Heilbrun
will give a card party at her home where
she will entertain friends in honor of Mrs.
Jacob Malenthal.Conrad Blenz entertained a number of
friends Saturday night at his home on
North Calhoun street. Refreshments
were served and music was furnished by
the B. B. string band, composed of Fred
Jones, H. O. Hall, O. Lowe, and J.
Bancker. The guests were E. Hess, C.
Lucas, H. Lowe, A. Dozier, C. Keck, O.
Steadman, R. Wilkinson and J. Long.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week.
Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors
of American and foreign patents, opposi-
te U. S. patent office, Washington, D. C.:
C. S. Booth, Camp Point, typewriting
machine; F. M. Elliott, Aurora, insulat-
tor; E. H. Hiley, Batavia, seal lock; A.
Lindgren, Moline, disk harrow; F. Meyer,
Peoria, furnace; W. D. Smith, Prophet-
stown, marking tag for rolled goods; J.
Stone, Aurora, corset; J. D. Trucey,
Sterling, stalk or fodder cutting machine;
J. R. Tucker, Aurora, electric meter; J.
S. Williams, Jerseyville, wire crimping
and fastening pliers.

Funeral of Miss Close.

The funeral of the late Miss L. Carrie
Close was held this morning at 10 o'clock
from the Griswold residence at the corner
of West Main and South Edward streets.
The services were conducted by Rev. W.
C. Miller of the Congregational church.
The pall bearers were four nephews of the
deceased, C. L. Griswold, James, Richard
C. and William T. Roberts. The remains
were taken at 11:30 o'clock this morning
to Albion, N. Y., for burial. The body
was accompanied by C. L. Griswold and
Miss Caroline Griswold.

Banquet Committee Meeting.

The committee for the Prince of the
Orient ball and banquet will meet this
evening at 7:30 o'clock at Jacob Keck's
cigar store to arrange for the financial
feature of the evening. The members of
the committee are F. W. Wisner, S. D.
McKinney, John Gardiner, W. T. Davis
and R. J. Stratton. These gentlemen
comprise the arrangement committee and
will act for the council. The banquet
will be served Feb. 24.

Cochran and His Committees.

Hon. W. G. Cochran, representative
from this district, is a member of the
following named committees in the Illi-
nois legislature: Chairman of the Judicial
Appointments; also on these committees:
Steering committee; appropriation,
revenue, judiciary, judicial and judicial
department, rules, military and military
affairs.

Sullivan Attorneys.

Hon. J. R. Edeu and Hon. W. G. Coch-
ran yesterday afternoon were rival attor-
neys in injunction proceedings from
Monterio county, in which Mr. Wacoer is
a party. An injunction was granted last
week by Judge Vail. Now Mr. Edeu is
trying to have it set aside. Judge Vail
took the points presented under advice.

To Be Sold Out.

Constable Midkiff went to Illini town-
ship today to sell a lot of corn and hay be-
longing to Joe Kretzer under a mortgage
in favor of Henry Davis, Jr., of Spring-
field. The claim amounts to over \$1800.
There are 8000 bushels of corn in the
cribs.

Will Entertain His Class.

Ira Ciokey will give an entertainment
to the members of the senior and junior
classes of the high school next Friday
evening at the home of his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. M. Ciokey, on Prairie ave-
nue. The hours will be from 7:30 to
11:30 p. m.

A Close Struggle.

It was a close contest between Judge
Bookwater and Judge Thompson for the
delegates to the judicial convention from
Vernilion county. There were 1475 votes
cast. Thompson received 731; Bookwa-
ter, 744.

\$2.00.

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finest shoes for ladies to be found in De-
cat. See them in our window.
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ters. Sign of the old cobbler.—26-d&wtf

Performed an Operation.

Yesterday Dr. A. M. Drew performed
an operation on Z. Black for the removal
of an abnormal growth in the throat.
The operation proved successful.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds
of D. M. Fe Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at
Anker & Lehman Co.'s.—
Jan "

At The Grand.

Rosabel Morrison in "Carmen" at the
Grand Wednesday evening.Rosabel Morrison in Carmen.
The far off San Francisco press was en-
thusiastic in its praises of Rosabel Mor-
rison's "Carmen." The Examiner said:
"There is the snap and vim and hot blood
in Carmen that would make it go even
with an average company, but last night
was distinctly above the average. The
kiss alone was worth the price of admis-
sion. It was not the Netherlands kiss, but
we can't expect everything so far from
New York. Still it suffices." The Call
said: "'Carmen' is a play that will
appeal to the people. It is out of the
usual line and is full of scenic effects,
motion and color." The Post said:
"The chances are that it will even achieve
more popularity as a play than it has as
an opera." Miss Morrison comes to the
Grand Wednesday night, February 10.

Coming.

"Shore Acres" will be the attraction at
the Grand Saturday evening, Feb. 13.

Uncle Tom.

Monday evening, Feb. 15, Satter &
Martin's big production "Uncle Tom's
Cabin" will be at the Grand.

A Good Show.

The Hoyt "A Temperance Town" com-
edy at the Grand last night drew a large
audience. It was a funny play by funny
people, with Richards and Canfield in the
lead. All were pleased with the perfor-
mance.

All About Electricity.

The Y. M. C. A. is pleased to call at-
tention to the lecture on electricity, illus-
trated by experiments by Prof. Louis
Favour. The many practical applications
of this force in recent years in connection
with ocean cables, electric lights, tele-
phones, motors, electrocution, and innum-
erable others has aroused a wide-spread
interest in this subject. This, with the
immense possibilities of electricity in the
near future as applied to railroads, trans-
mission of power, aerial navigation, etc.,
has created a desire on the part of the gen-
eral public to know something of, and to
understand the workings of this mysteri-
ous force.We realize that in order to popularize
the subject and hold the attention of the
average audience, technicalities and dry
details must be avoided and that instruc-
tion to a popular audience must be given
in an entertaining and eyeing an amus-
ing manner. This is Prof. Favour's forte,
and he is alone in this field.The elaborate and costly display of elec-
trical apparatus, machinery and working
models that he has designed by him
and constructed especially to attain this
happy combination, and the large num-
ber of interesting experiments performed
at frequent intervals during these lectures
sustain the interest and enthusiasm from
beginning to end and precludes the possi-
bility of dullness. As an experimenter
and manipulator Prof. Favour is unsur-
passed.Opera house Friday night, Feb. 12.
Reserved seat plat opens Wednesday morn-
ing at opera house pharmacy.—8-8d3t

Broke His Arm.

Last evening Piny Smith, a reporter
for the Review, met with an unfortunate
accident. He slipped and fell on the icy
sidewalk and broke his right arm just be-
low the elbow. Piny went to the office
of Dr. W. J. and Will Chonoweth where
he was given surgical attention.

Around Again.

Willis Johnson, Jr., is up and about
again. He was bruised slightly by the
collision with the Wabash train Saturday
last.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Generally cloudy to night and Wednesday; probably rain or snow; Wednesday, winds shifting to southeast.

Mark Hanna does not seem to take kindly to the postmaster generalship, preferring it is thought to make a fight for the senatorship.

Free Trader Wilson will soon be out of a job. Well he has been the means of throwing several million American workmen out of their jobs and he will only be a drop in the great ocean of idleness which came on account of his free trade notions.

Our exports to foreign countries for 1894-1895 under the Wilson act were 200 million dollar less than for 1892 and 1893 under the McKinley law in spite of the statement of the free traders that a Democratic tariff would enlarge our foreign market.

The rottenest absurdity in the form of a tariff ever put upon the statute books is the Wilson tariff act and yet we know some people who think the tariff should be let alone. People who talk that way either lack a knowledge of the effects of the law or lack patriotism.

"Four years more of Grover and then we'll be in clover" was the cry of the free trader in 1892. Well, there are only 22 more days of Grover and it is proper to inquire: Where is the clover? Most of us have been living on straw and have barely enough to last the other 22 days.

Like the dog of the fable who with a bone in his mouth saw his image in the water and jumped after the other bone, lost his bone and came out of the water a wet shivering disappointed dog, the American people were deceived by the false presentations of a low tariff and low tariff taxes and jumped after them when they were revelling in prosperity. The result was—well everybody, even those who imagined the tariff had nothing to do with them know what happened and explanations are not necessary.

There were plenty of men who were ready to shout in 1892 that a tariff had nothing to do with employment and wages. There are few who are reckless enough to say that now but plenty of them took up an equally ridiculous fallacy, namely, that the way to make work plenty is to cut the dollar in two. Perhaps the country will always have a lot of voters who will follow foolish vagaries like these rather than study these questions from a practical business standpoint, and it should be remembered that such voters are always dangerous to the best welfare of themselves and their families.

The Daily Argus of Bradford, England, says: "Thanks to the superiority of the products of local looms our United States trade is a large one. The prosperity of this district depends greatly upon it, and any sudden dislocation such as a prohibition tariff—and a higher tariff than the present is certain—would produce most disastrous effects here." Well here it is again. According to Grover Cleveland the United States should apply the golden rule to Bradford but the Republican party being for protection to American industries will apply the golden rule to the United States and help our own people instead of the people of Bradford. Another lesson to be drawn from this is that if a protective tariff would injure Bradford it would benefit the United States.

A Lesson to Labor.

American Economist: A dispatch from California a short time since reported that a body of workmen in that state had taken some Japanese workmen and had strung them up to trees, nearly strangling them. When cut down, they were told to "get out" or worse would follow. The reason for this was that the Japs worked so cheaply that the other workmen could not compete against them. There is probably not a workman in this country who does not consider it a tremendous evil and a direct injury to him that foreign workmen come here who are willing to work for starvation wages, and who, by so doing, are the means of cutting down wages. The object of the contract labor law was to lessen this evil, and it has lessened it to a certain extent. Immigrants coming here of their own accord and without special inducement come for the purpose of bettering their condition, of getting better wages, and they are not willing to work for the wages they get at home. There is not a workman in the country who would fight the repeal of the contract labor law; there is not a citizen who would dare openly to urge its repeal. And yet thousands upon thousands of workmen are willing that we should hire these foreigners in their own country at their proper wages to do our work.

There is no difference between bringing over foreign workmen by contract to work in this country at their home wages and contracting to bring over and import free into this country the goods produced at their homes by those workmen at their pauper wages; except that in the former case the little distance which those workmen earned would be spent in this country while in the latter case—i. e. under free trade—it would be spent in their own countries. The intelligent workmen of the country are fast coming to realize this vital truth. The cause of free-trade is on the down grade.

Alcohol in the Arts.
The following press dispatch dated at Washington, D. C., recently appeared in all the newspapers that use the news service that sent it out:

A large amount of testimony has been taken by Senator Platt's special committee charged with the investigation of the question of the rebate in the arts, and some important information has just come to the attention of the committee. It has been learned that a movement is on foot in France to abolish the tax on alcohol for all uses except alcoholic beverages. France is moved to this by the effect of the liberal laws of Germany, which have resulted in an enormous increase of her foreign commerce in articles in which alcohol is a factor.

In addition to this, it has been reported to members of the committee that the use of alcohol in the arts was as large in proportion to the entire consumption of distilled spirits, in this country as in Germany. It would increase this consumption in the United States from 3,000,000 gallons to 100,000,000 gallons. This would, members of the committee say, make a market for 30,000,000 bushels more of corn than can now be sold.

Those members of the committee who favor this free alcohol claim that, as the United States has twice as many people as Germany, and as their consuming power is much greater per capita, this 30,000,000 bushels of corn would, under the untaxed law, be used, and cause the amount to be doubled.

It is now believed that a report favorable to free alcohol in the arts and sciences will be made to the senate in connection with the new tariff bill, or as an independent measure, perhaps.

This, it will be observed, relates to the internal revenue tax on alcohol used in the arts. It is not necessary to argue that the internal revenue tax on alcohol is due to the fact that it is used as a beverage. Everybody knows this. But it is not so generally known what an enormous quantity of alcohol is used in the arts, every gallon of which has been paying the same tax that the gallon pays when used as a beverage, namely \$1.10.

This surely is an unjust and unreasonable burden upon all who use alcohol for any other purpose than as a beverage and ought to be removed in the coming tariff bill. But it is argued that this discrimination could not be made without opening the way for frauds on the revenue. That this would be the tendency there is no doubt, but that it could not be prevented would be to confess our weakness in the administration of law. Germany has freed from tax the alcohol used in the arts and manages to prevent gross frauds on the revenue in collecting the tax on alcohol as a beverage. And Germany has been well paid for her trouble, for she has enormously increased her exports in manufactures into which alcohol enters. What Germany has done we can do also, and more, because we produce a wilderness of corn, from which alcohol is made, and if alcohol were free from this unjust burden, where it enters into the arts, the increase in its use which would result from that policy, would mean the consumption of millions of bushels more of corn than can now be sold.

Oreana.
Mrs. Martha Brown has returned to Decatur and will make her home with her son, W. Brown.

Howard Morrison of Roberts, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Miss Emma Malone visited in Decatur last week.

G. W. Hall of Decatur, visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Cora Bullock was the guest of Misses Maude and Alice Stroppe Sunday.

Miss Jessie Bower of Argenta visited Alice Turpin Sunday.

Mrs. S. Smetters of Decatur, visited her daughter, Mrs. Charles James, this week.

D. M. Reed of Decatur, was here on business this week.

Harvey and Mary Hilbrant of Argenta, spent Sunday with Mrs. Williams.

Miss Huff entertained friends from Decatur Sunday.

O. B. Harrauff of Monticello, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Grant Shuler visited in Decatur this week.

J. Morrison, who attends Brown's Business college in Decatur, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. Frank Parr of Iowa, is visiting relatives near here.

Miss Alice Turpin is on the sick list.

Among those who attended open lodge Monday night were Misses Grace and Edith Shepherd of Argenta, Misses Maude Benton and Alta Stuart and Bert Benton, E. McKinley and D. Parkhurst of Forsyth.

A series of meetings was begun at the Baptist church Tuesday evening.

Free Pills.
Send your address to H. E. Bucklen Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by West, Druggist.

There was a very light fall of snow this forenoon.

WHEN THE SUN IS SET.



CATS WITHOUT TAILS.

Their Home Is in the Isle of Man, Near the English Coast.

At first glance you might call it a rabbit or a kangaroo's little cousin; but it is really a cat, even if it hasn't any tail. Its home is in the Isle of Man, south of England, and for that reason it is called a Manx cat. A few of the kind have been brought to this country, but they do not thrive very well outside of their native land.

To one accustomed to an ordinary cat the Manx appears very unfinished and incomplete, its tail being a mere brush of hair hardly as large as a rabbit's tail. It is much bigger and stronger than the common "pusy," and it has a roundish head, with full, lustrous eyes. Its hair also is coarser and thicker, often a yellow or buff, and its hind legs are longer and of greater strength than the others. And its claws—no touch of them is enough for they are long and sharp, and when fighting the Manx cat drives them deep into the flesh of its enemy. It is astonishingly swift in its movement and like its wilder brother, the wildcat, it knows no fear. For catching rats and mice, rabbits, birds and other small game no animal equals it.

Although the Manx cat lives in and around the homes of mankind, it is not so gentle and easily tamed as an



A MANX CAT.

ordinary cat. Indeed, it is more like a dog; for it will follow its master anywhere, hunt with him and fight for him.

Scientists have been very much puzzled to know why the Manx cat is not provided with a tail, like others of its kind, and a great many theories have been advanced to account for it. The general opinion now seems to be that the first Manx cats, living hundreds of years ago, sat down too much. That sounds odd, doesn't it? The soil of the Isle of Man is very damp, and the air, also, is full of moisture, and the early cats in sitting on their haunches acquired some disease of the tail, so scientists think, and gradually the tail disappeared entirely. The Manx cat is not the only tailless cat. In Siam and Burmah there is a cat with a tail only half the ordinary length and curled up in a knot like a pig's tail, and in the Crimea there lives a race of cats entirely without tails and having the general appearance of Manx cats.—Chicago Record.

COYOTES ARE CLEVER.

How One of Them Drew a Hunting Dog Into an Ambush.

No other animal is found in the west than the coyote. The coyote is to the plainsman what a fox is to an eastern farmer, only the coyote is more in evidence. Forest and Stream tells about a dog that had its principal sport chasing and otherwise worrying coyotes, and was led into ambush by one coyote and then set upon by several other of the prairie wolves and almost done to death.

"About nine o'clock one night," the paper says, "one of the coyotes came to the kitchen door and howled aggressively at the dog, which, thereupon set after the coyote full tilt. The coyote fled around the house, down to the corral and around the blacksmith shanty, the dog yelping after. Behind the shanty were other coyotes, six or seven of them, and all of them made for the dog in a way that made it feel lonely. The ranchman heard the fight and the dog's howls of pain; and grasping a rifle started that way on a run, yelling as he went. The coyotes each took a fair well nip and fled, leaving a sore dog behind. Since then the dog has not been so much interested as on former occasions in coyotes. It follows single coyotes vigorously, but the appearance of another sends it back as fast as it can run."

The coyote likes badger flesh very much, but one coyote is not equal to a badger in a fight; consequently the coyote, when it meets a badger has to resort to stratagem till aid arrives. The manner in which it does this, according to the sportsman's paper, is interesting.

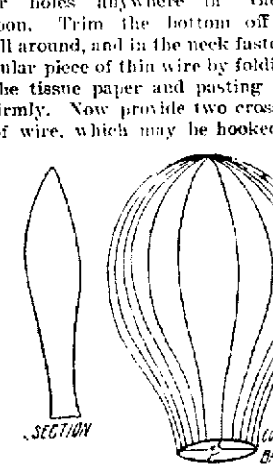
"A few weeks ago," the writer says, "as I was riding along I saw a coyote and a badger. The coyote seemed to be playing with the badger. He would prance around it, then run off a little way, the badger following, evidently very angry. When the badger saw me it ran into its hole, while the coyote went off 40 or 50 yards and lay down, evidently knowing I had no gun with me. The coyote's device was evidently to tease, and so keep the badger interested till another coyote happened along, when the badger would have been killed."

NEAT TOY BALLOON.

This Tells How Any Boy or Girl Can Make One of Them.

It is easy enough to make a neat little balloon at a cost of only a few cents.

Buy several large sheets of stout tissue paper and cut them into 14 sections the shape of that shown in the picture, and of such size as you may wish—three feet is a good length. Now paste these strips together at their edges. Being careful to leave no slits or holes anywhere in the balloon. Trim the bottom of evenly all around, and in the neck fasten a circular piece of thin wire by folding over the tissue paper and pasting it down firmly. Now provide two cross pieces of wire, which may be hooked to the



A HOMEMADE BALLOON.

circular piece, as shown in the picture. Where these pieces cross fasten a bit of soft cotton.

To inflate the balloon, have some boy hold it up by the top; then dip the cotton in alcohol and set it afire, being very careful not to let the blaze touch the tissue paper. The hot air will expand the balloon and cause it to rise to a great height.

Any boy or girl can make this balloon.—Chicago Record.

Gen. Grant's Two Tunes.

A drum corps in passing caught sight of the general, and at once struck up a then popular negro camp-meeting air. Everyone began to laugh, and Rawlins cried: "Good for the drummers!" "What's the fun?" inquired the general. "Why," was the reply, "they are playing: 'Ain't I glad to get out of de wilderness!'" The general smiled at the ready wit of the musicians and said: "Well, with me a musical tune always requires explanation. I know only two tunes. One is 'Yankee Doodle,' and the other isn't."—Gen. Horace Porter, in Century.

An Ant Fifteen Years Old.

Sir John Lubbock, the naturalist, has been experimenting to find out how long the common ant would live if kept out of harm's way, says the Scientific American. On August 8, 1888, an ant which had been thus kept and tenderly cared for died at the age of 15 years, which is the greatest age any species of insect has yet been known to attain. Another individual of the same species of ant lived to the advanced age of 13 years.

Wanted It Just Like Papa's.
A six-year-old was seated in a barber's chair.
"Well, my little man, how would you like your hair cut?"
"Oh, like papa's, with a little round hole at the top."—Chicago Record.

One Good Reason.
Bettie Wilkes—Why does that little boy always go barefooted?
Sallie Knowall—Why, because he has more feet than shoes.—Harper's Round Table.

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THE PASSING YEARS.

The years are passing o'er me,
Life's race will soon be run,
And sunset skies before me
Proclaim that day is done.

But what hath death of sorrow?
Well know I that to-day
In parent of to-morrow
With all its bright array.

At eve, when down I lay me,
In quietness to sleep,
This thought shall sweetly stay me:
Eternal love both keep.

The future I can gladly
Leave to God's gentle care,
But one thought steals sadly
Upon me unaware.

So few the hours remaining,
For tasks of love and good;
I pray for grace sustaining
To use them as I should.

For burdened souls beside me,
Who mourn for life's brief span,
With word of help provide me,
At what time, Lord, they faint.

O, Font of living waters,
Delight through my life to flow,
To cheer Thy sons and daughters,
In time of want and woe.

—Robert W. Colford, in N. Y. Observer.

CATCHING A BURGLAR.

BY AMY RANDOLPH.

"O," said Betsey Jane, "nothing shall induce me to change my mind."

"I've given up," said Miss Hardscrabble, "and I shall stick to it. No, girl, men, as respects herself, could put up with the sort of treatment as I get at No. 34."

The way cold meat, mutton, is weighed before it goes off the table to make sure as there ain't anything cribbed off it before it comes back for nine o'clock supper, with a Welsh rabbit and a pickle. And as for me, mutton, I'm expected to live off bread and cheese and salt pork. And the old gent he measures all coal by the sentleful, and says I'll bring him to the poorhouse if I don't leave off wasting the kindling wood—and Miss Zeruah she counts every lump of sugar and the apples in the store chamber. Why, men, there couldn't a black beetle grow fat in that house, let alone a respectable sized mouse, and no money couldn't hire me to stay, after my month is up."

And, catching up the tin cup which contained a cent's worth of yeast, Betsey Jane hurried home, much relieved by this free expression of her mind to Mrs. Jones, the baker's wife. With all the speed which she could make, however, Miss Zeruah Hardscrabble was lying in wait for her behind the parlor door when she came in.

"Betsey Jane," said she, severely, "you've been gossiping with some young man."

"I've been for the yeast, miss," said Betsey Jane, panting with the speed she had made.

"I don't believe a word you say," said Miss Hardscrabble, brusquely—

at which Betsey Jane only tossed her head and made no reply.

"Go and make some toast for tea," added Miss Zeruah, "and put my father's slippers and dressing gown warming against he comes in; and if your young man is proving about the put noses, he'll be sorry for it, for I'm going through the basement with a candle and make sure that all is right."

"It ain't nothing to me, ma'm, how much you go through it with a candle," said Betsey Jane, stung beyond her control.

"Don't dare to be insolent, girl!" said Miss Hardscrabble.

"No, morn, I won't," said Betsey Jane, in a tone which might be interpreted as meaning: "I'll be as insolent as I please, and you can't help yourself."

Miss Hardscrabble nearly annihilated her retainer with a glance as she lighted the candle and set forth on her nightly round of investigation.

"I always go at dusk," said Miss Hardscrabble, "because that's the most dangerous time for thieves and burglars; and after that the doors are all locked, and Betsey Jane has to come in."

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Miss Hardscrabble nearly annihilated her retainer with a glance as she lighted the candle and set forth on her nightly round of investigation.

"I always go at dusk," said Miss Hardscrabble, "because that's the most dangerous time for thieves and burglars; and after that the doors are all locked, and Betsey Jane has to come in."

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smoldering coals. ("Laf" said Betsey Jane to herself, "toast knows stinky people as well as anybody. And it won't never brown for 'em!")

"Your young man!" said Miss Hardscrabble. "In the coal cellar! But he's safe now until the justiciary comes."

"It ain't nothing of the sort!" contradicted Betsey Jane. "I ain't got no young man! And if I had, he ain't skulkin' in your coal cellar, Miss Hardscrabble, no more he ain't! It's the cat."

But Tabby herself, rubbing up against her, with a good deal of muffled tallow still adhering to her fur, served as a mute contradiction to this last assertion.

"Go for the police," said Miss Hardscrabble, her voice rising a semitone higher, "for I shall instantly discharge you without your month's wages!"

Thus adjured, Betsey Jane grudgingly took down the sleeves which were rolled up above a pair of plump and mottled arms, removed her checked apron, and reached down her hand from the pegs behind the kitchen door.

"Hurry, why don't you?" said Miss Hardscrabble.

"I am a-hurrying, am I?" retorted Betsey Jane.

Vienna China Dinner Set...

116 PIECES.

Close Retail Price, \$25.

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Special Sale This Week. FINE CHINA PLATES.

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Please notice Prices in our Front Show Window.

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Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
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So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than \$6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only \$5.00 per pair.

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And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee. No more circuit court business until next Friday.
You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Rabbit hunting is popular sport for the hunters just now.

Ladies' felt slippers 50c at Foltz & Hardy's—28-dwt

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

The police had a quiet time of it last night.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dwt

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-dwt

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Feb 26 ft.

Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Many ladies were at the court house this forenoon making entries of bread, butter and jellies.

Robert Blue says if he can be the whole thing he would like to have the Reputation nomination for poundmaster.

The rapid sale of Irwin's Kola Celery compound is evidence of it being a superior preparation.

Mon, do you know that you can buy a pair of Edwin Clapp's \$7 enamel cork sole shoes at Foltz & Hardy's for \$5.—3-dwt

A trial will convince you that Irwin's harmless headache powders are the best.

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and get your money's worth to attend the Turners' masque ball Wednesday, Feb. 17.—9-dwt

The Farmers' institute is in progress at the court house. Attend the day and evening meetings and inspect the exhibit of farm products in the corridors of the building.

As a result of the protracted meeting held at the First M. E. church by Rev. D. F. Howe, assisted by Rev. Henry Lunn, there have been over 100 professions, and there will be many additions to the church.

Rev. Ned Forrest, an evangelist of the Congregational church, is reported to have disappeared from a point in southern Illinois where he had been conducting meetings. It is supposed that he has met with foul play.

H. Pettibone, who has been holding a series of materializing seances at the residence of Mrs. Haworth, 457 North Jackson street, will hold his last seance this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone will leave for the east the last of the week.

Make your arrangements to attend the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Wednesday, Feb. 17, only persons receiving invitations will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Turnverein.—9-dwt

The funeral of Mrs. Sadie B. McClary occurred from the family residence, 1089 St. Louis avenue at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Howe officiating. The funeral services at the graves were in charge of the Daughters of Rebecca of which the deceased was a member. The pall bearers were William Bundy H. H. Wise, Charles Rose, J. Gouey, W. F. McGee, J. H. Baldrige. The honorary pall bearers were chosen from the Daughters of Rebecca and were Mr. L. H. Cope, Mrs. J. Nicholson, Mrs. Alice Friberg, Mrs. A. W. Hendricks, Miss Cordie Underwood, Mrs. I. D. Stine. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

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DEDCATUR, ILL.

The funeral for Mrs. Chester N. May was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Smith, corner of Herkimer and Clinton streets, Rev. W. H. Penhalligon conducted the services. The pall bearers were Frank Elwood, Thomas Muleady, Newt Davis, Gus Kuhnner, Joe Stultz and Charles Fitzsimmons. The interment was at Greenwood.

William Crawford, who is now at Kan-kakee at the insane asylum, is claimed to be a sane man by his daughter, Mrs. Merritt. She says that his letters could not have been written by a crazy man. Crawford is allowed a great deal of freedom at the asylum and it is likely that he may be allowed to come home.

One man came in from the country this forenoon with a sample of splendid apples to put in the exhibit at the institute. But he did not have a dozen in his basket—only eight, and he was barred out under the rules. He gave the apples away to friends who of course said they were among the best shown.

This morning in the circuit court considerable time was taken up by Assistant State's Attorney A. H. Mills and Attorney S. A. D. Gray in securing a jury in a case where a party was charged with stealing two saws. All questions were put in regulation form and the answers had to be satisfactory.

The executive committee for the Princes of the Orient will meet this evening to complete arrangements for the ball and banquet to be given on Feb. 24. The meeting will be held at Jacob Keck's cigar store at 7:30 o'clock.

The members of Myrtle Temple, No. 2 Ruthbone Sisters, held a meeting last evening and considered a proposition to give a Martha Washington reception this month at the K. P. hall. There was no definite action taken.

This afternoon the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong.

The young men who are to take part in the minstrel performance will meet for rehearsal this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Harwood.

Committees will meet this evening to arrange for a reception to be given at an early date at the K. P. hall in Powers' new block.

The many friends of Isaac N. Coltrin, the original "Sock," are urging him to become a candidate for justice of the peace.

The regular meeting of Chevalier Bayard Lodge No. 189, Knights of Pythias, will be held tonight at the hall in library block.

As soon as the weather will permit ground will be broken for the new patrol wagon house and barn on South Water street.

The many friends of William Bundy are urging him to become a candidate for commissioner of highways.

J. B. Nowlin has returned from Jacksonville. He came back to attend the farmers' institute.

A. C. Race, who has been confined to his home by malaria, is able to be out.

The banks will close on Feb. 13, Lincoln's birthday, and also on Feb. 22.

Plans All Ready.

The plans and specifications for the big factory building to be erected by Gus Ahrens at the corner of East Main and Jackson streets, are now in the hands of M. G. Patterson, the architect, who will receive the sealed bids for the improvements. The building will have a frontage of 116 feet on Jackson street and will be 70 feet deep. There will be an alley way of ten feet on the north end and ten feet at the east side. There will be two machine shops in the building. Mr. Ahrens will occupy the north room for a wholesale wine stock, the wines coming from Monrovia, Cal. He will run the wine business in connection with the bottling works. The improvement contemplated will involve an expenditure of about \$7000.

J. C. Hane for Justice of the Peace.
In another part of this issue of the Republican may be found the announcement of J. C. Hane as a candidate for justice of the peace subject to the Republican township convention.
Mr. Hane is a sound Republican, is an ex-Union soldier, having served in the 73d Illinois infantry, and served for two years for Decatur township as overseer of the poor.
Mr. Hane is well qualified for the position of justice of the peace, and would make a creditable official. He asks fair consideration at the hands of Republicans and is entitled to ask it.
Should he secure the nomination which he seeks he will be elected.

One Plan.
Hon. W. G. Cochran, who is chairman of the house committee on judicial appointment has filed up a district which he says looks well on paper. His plan is to put Macon, Moultrie, DeWitt, Platt, Champaign and Douglas counties in one district, making it a congressional, judicial and two senatorial districts. It is suggested that Logan county should be added to the list.

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West's Drug Store.
Alcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c
To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.
Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed on money refunded by all druggists, 20c.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Second Annual Meeting in Progress at the Court House.

EXHIBIT JUST LIKE A COUNTY FAIR

Opening Exercises This Afternoon—Address of Welcome by President Bean—Three Days' Session.

The second annual session of the Macon county farmers' institute began at the court house this afternoon with a large attendance and a lively interest in the splendid exhibit of products of the farm, the orchard and the dairy. The exercises are held in the circuit court room and the display of products is made in the corridors of the court house. The display includes corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, apples, bread, cakes, butter, etc., etc., all attractively shown on tables. The exhibit is highly creditable, and the management feels greatly encouraged.

The judges.
This forenoon the judges on the various exhibits were appointed. They are as follows:

On Sweet and Irish Potatoes—Henry F. May, D. H. Hollman, Hiram Boyer.
On special exhibit for the Tait checker power and apples—Sam C. Davis, Jacob Hanes and Joshua Green.

On field corn and pop corn, oats, wheat and clover—W. T. Moffett, H. C. Griffin, J. B. Nowlin.

On bread, butter, oaks and canned fruits—Mrs. Joseph Cooper, Mrs. M. M. Warnick, Mrs. Austin Dunham.

These committees will pass on the merits of all the articles displayed. On the last day of the exhibit all of the exhibits except the bread will be sold at auction. The bread will be given to the poor. Entries will positively close at noon tomorrow.

The Exercises.
This afternoon the circuit court room was filled when W. H. Bean, the president called the institute to order. After prayer by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, there was a song by school children from the Marietta and Wood street schools, directed by F. W. Westhoff. The plans used was from the S. M. Lutz music house. Secretary Thrift read the minutes of the 1896 institute and they were approved.

President Bean gave the address of welcome. He spoke of the general benefits of an institute and exhibit, in bringing the farmers of the county together; in letting each other see what their neighbors produce, to the end that better results may be attained. Mr. Bean was gratified to see so many people present and to note the large display of products. He said that the judges appointed would pass on all of the articles impartially and that exact justice would be done. The institute is non-political. Mr. Bean commended Judge Vall for giving way so that the farmers could have the use of the court house in court time, and he also complimented the various committees for their good work. In closing Mr. Bean spoke in general terms of the hardships the farmers had to undergo, at the same time mentioning some of the pleasures of life down on the farm. He pointed out particularly the educational advantages of the institute, and said that Macon county farmers generally would be greatly benefited.

There was another song by the school children which was followed by the general discussion on "What are the Most Profitable crops in diversified farming," led by Hon. W. T. Moffett of Blue Mound township.

Wednesday, Second Day, 10 a. m.
Morning session—

Prayer—Rev. D. F. Howe.
Song.

General Discussion, subject, "Farm Management"—Led by the President, Wm. H. Bean.

"Fences"—R. M. Bell.
"How to Make Money Raising Poultry"—Mrs. R. Judy.

Song.
Afternoon session, 1:30 o'clock—

Song.
"Insects Destructive to Agriculture"—F. J. Jack.

"Profitable Horse Breeding"—J. F. Reid, veterinarian.

"Township High Schools"—President John W. Cook, Normal University.

Song.
Evening session, 7:30 o'clock—

Song—High School Glee Club.
Reading—Mrs. Clarence J. McConnell.
Music—High School Orchestra.

Recitation—Mamie Mayall.
Reading—Mrs. Clarence J. McConnell.

Institute Management.
Officers—W. H. Bean, Blue Mound, president; E. R. Moffett, Boody, vice president; C. A. Thrift, Forsyth, secretary; C. H. Scott, Mt. Zion, treasurer.

Executive Committee—Frank Muirhead, Harriestown, Bering Burrows, Long Creek; David Wellepp, Marou; S. C. Davis, Long Creek; J. W. Walker, Oakley; J. B. Henry, Mt. Zion.

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Exhibit Committee—David Wellepp, Marou; E. R. Moffett, Boody; John Walker, Oakley; Charles French, Warrensburg; S. C. Davis, Long Creek; George Betzer, Gretna.

Music Committee—E. R. Moffett, Boody; Frank Muirhead, Harriestown; Samuel Hopkins, Decatur.

Personals.

Sheriff J. Nicholson is in Chicago.

Mrs. C. A. Foster is ill of the grip.

Hal Patterson left yesterday on a business trip to the east.

Mrs. J. N. Baker is confined to her home by the grip.

H. C. Griffin is in the city to attend the farmers' institute.

Mrs. E. W. Anderson visited friends in Chicago yesterday.

D. V. Stafford, of Monticello, is in the city visiting friends.

Attorney I. R. Mills attended the circuit court in Platt county yesterday.

R. Houston, of Monticello, was in the city to-day to attend the farmers' institute.

Mrs. Lillie Condall of St. Louis, is in the city to visit her brother, W. W. Condall and Mrs. W. J. Condall.

Miss Challie Downing has gone to Springfield where she will study music at the Ursuline Sister's convent.

Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hoskins, who have been visiting their daughter at Springfield, returned home last night.

Mrs. Will Nicholson and Miss Anna Nicholson left today for Chicago where they will visit Miss Anna Nicholson who is studying music in that city.

Horn Men Got Their Divvy.

Some time ago the five Republicans who remained faithful to the end and carried the big horn to President elect McKinley, received their share of the money realized on the long journey. They got about \$40 each. The expenses on the trip were pretty steep. The party left Decatur on Nov. 16 and arrived at Canton on Dec. 29. They had to pay about \$80 a week for board and had incidental expenses to meet for shoes, socks, shirts and pantaloons. They paid out big money for photographs of the horn. Those who started with the party and didn't go through did not get a penny.

A Big Eagle.

The American eagle killed by Frank Reinhardt at Havana on a recent hunting expedition, has been stuffed and mounted by a Chicago taxidermist. The eagle measures seven feet from tip to tip. It can be seen at Swick & Reinhardt's place on Water street.

Lost.

Somewhere on West William street between North Main and North Pine street on Saturday evening a cut glass vengette with the initials "H. H." engraved upon the top. A reward will be paid for its return to the Republican office.—8-dwt

A Candidate.

James B. Ricks is announced as a candidate for circuit judge in the Christian county district. Mr. Ricks is a Democrat and is a member of one of the oldest families in Christian county. His home is at Taylorville.

Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brown, Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 4, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. Kelly, Feb. 8, a son.

\$3 00.

For the above price we will sell the finest shoes for gentlemen to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Foltz & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign of the old cobbler.—28 dwt

Sales of Real Estate.

George G. Goodpasture to W. B. Hostetter, and in 17, 16, 3 east, \$50.

Edward L. Martin to C. J. Gardner, lot 13 in block 2 in Riverside Place, \$150.

Young Ladies Entertained.

This afternoon Miss Emma Clark entertained the members of a sewing society at her home on North Church street. The guests included sixteen young ladies.

Special Notice.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris. 138 East Wood street.—9 dwt

The St. James.

Col. Henry Runkel, of Clinton, has leased the St. James hotel at Panama and is in charge.

Marriage Licenses.

A. B. Corey, Decatur, 21.
Maud Allison, Decatur, 18.

G. W. Sanders, Decatur, 33.
Lela M. Hatton, Decatur, 26.

Proposed at the Supper Table.

Mr. Vernon, Ill., Feb. 10.—William D. McBride and Miss Addie May McDowell were married at the home of Miss Estella Blizard, on West Broadway, last evening. Both parties boarded with Miss Blizard and at the supper table last evening, without any preliminary courtship. Mr. McBride challenged Miss McDowell to marry him. The challenge was promptly accepted, a license was procured, a minister called in, a few friends summoned and the twain made one. The bride is a student in the business college here, but her home is in Panama. Mr. McBride is a Louisville and Nashville depot official here.

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WAR IN AFRICA.

Royal Niger Companies' Expedition Defeats the Emir of Nupe and Capture the Palace.

SPAIN'S WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Reported Killing of 1100 Insurgents—Spanish Loss Only 24—Queen Lil Dangerously Sick—Utah Earthquake.

London, Feb. 10.—Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger companies expedition against the Emir of Nupe, cables from the palace of the Emir at Bida under date of Jan. 29, saying the palace was captured. A private telegram adds that Lieutenant Thomson of the Leices Torsbro regiment was killed. The capture of Bida will probably complete the destruction of the Fulah power and most likely add to the British-African territory. The dispute between the Emir and the Niger company is of long standing, growing out of the Emir's practice of executing slaves by wholesale for raiding the territory under the protection of the company to obtain victims. He was frequently warned to stop this practice but failing to do so the Punitive expedition was sent against him with the result given above. The Emir is a most powerful vassal of the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto.

Heavy Fighting in Philippine Islands.
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 10.—News by steamer from the Philippine Islands to Jan. 8, are to the effect that on the 2nd the Spanish troops in a series of engagements with the rebels, killed 1100 including a greater part of the native soldiers who deserted the Spanish cause. The Spanish loss was twenty-four and sixty-eight wounded. On the 4th in another engagement thirty-three dead rebels were counted. The Spanish loss was ten killed and eighteen wounded.

Queen Lil Dangerously Sick.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, who has been confined to her room by influenza for several days, has suffered a relapse. Her physicians say she will not be able to remain in this climate during the winter.

Earthquake in Utah.
Brigham City, Utah, Feb. 10.—Last night this city was visited by the heaviest earthquake ever experienced in this valley. It rang the bell in the court house. It was felt as far north as Logan.

McKinley Proposes a Tariff Bureau.
Chicago, Feb. 10.—Ferdinand W. Peck, president of the newly organized National Business Men's League, accompanied by Franklin M. Head, returned from the east yesterday where they were in conference with senators and representatives at Washington. On their way back from the capital they stopped at President-elect McKinley's home last evening. According to assurances conveyed to President Peck and Mr. Head, there will be important special legislation at the next regular session of congress. A department, to be known as the department of commerce and industry, will be created, if the plans of the association, supported by the promise of hearty co-operation by the president-elect, mature.

President-elect McKinley even volunteered to go a step further last evening, while discussing the aims of the association with Messrs. Peck and Head. He suggested he would be in favor of a tariff commission which should be auxiliary to the department of commerce and industry, to which might be delegated all tariff issues and recommendations. The suggestion of the president-elect that the proposed tariff bureau be made part of the new department is believed to be the first mention of such an idea. A special meeting of the league is to be called immediately by President Peck.

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